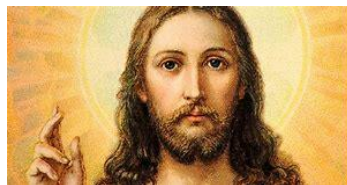


Key figures

Christians

- To Christians, Jesus is the Son of God.
- He was born in Bethlehem but lived in Nazareth. His parents were Mary and Joseph.
- Jesus was a Jew but was unhappy with how many Jews lived their lives. He preached about a God of love and forgiveness.
- He became very unpopular with the Jewish leaders and the Romans and was put to death by crucifixion. Christians believe he sacrificed himself for mankind. He is remembered for his death and resurrection.
- Vicars and priests lead services in Christian churches.
- Vicars are members of the Church of England, which has the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury as its leaders.
- Priests are members of the Catholic church, which has the Pope as its leader. They wear a cassock and different colours for different occasions. They administer the Church's 7 sacraments.



Buddhists

- The Buddha lived 2600 years ago and was a normal person, not a god.
- His actual name was Siddhartha Gautama. He lived in northern India and Nepal and was the son of a king.
- When he was 29, he left the palace and saw a sick man, an old man and a dead body. This shocked him and he realised all his wealth would not protect him from illness, old age and death.
- He sat under the Bodhi tree and meditated until he realised the truth.
- Buddhism teaches that we are driven by greed and hate. Once you realise this, you can live a life of acceptance and purity and when you die pass into a state of Nirvana, which is just a different state of existence, not heaven.
- “Buddha” means “one who is awake”.
- Buddhism now one of the largest religions in the world.
- Promotes living in harmony with the world. Most are vegetarian and anti-war or any violence.



Priest



Vicar



Buddha



Key Vocabulary

crucifixion	Death by being tied or nailed to a wooden cross
sacrificed	Gave up something for others
Catholic	The original Christian faith
Church of England	The Christian faith in England begun by Henry VIII in 1534
Nirvana	A perfect state of existence after death
Bodhi tree	A type of fig tree
meditation	Focussing the mind to become clear in your thoughts